

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving, over a global computer network, an unsolicited request from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system coupled to the global computer network to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, providing a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request providing a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with a first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

43. (Previously Presented) An article comprising a storage medium readable by a first processor-based system, the storage medium storing instructions to cause a processor of the first processor-based system to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

44. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

45. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

46. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

47. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a database; and

a first computer coupled to the database to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a second computer coupled to the global computer network for the first computer to provide an identification of the first computer;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the first computer to notify both a user of the first computer of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the second computer, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the second computer with an identifier that identifies the first computer, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the ~~second~~ first computer system.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the identifier that identifies the first computer comprises a processor number.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the second computer.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the second computer is located at a remote location relative to the first computer.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
providing an error indication to the first computer system in response to the user denying the request.